CHAPTER XVI

NORTHWARD BOUND

THERE were no enthusiastic demonstrations at Canton over the departure for the North of what Mr. Eugene Chen described as "the foremost living figure in Asia/' He left behind him the charred ruins of the business quarter of the city he had misgoverned, and thousands of mourners of the victims of his ruthlessness. A Hongkong correspondent expressed the belief that if he made a public landing in that Colony he would be torn limb from limb.

When it was known that he was heading for Shanghai the foreign Press in that Port showed no enthusiasm. The *North China Daily Neu>s* which, after detailed reports of the Saikuan massacre commented that "as for Dr. Sun Yat-sen himself, the only conclusion that can be come to is that he is mad, that he has come to regard himself as a sort of divinity against whose pleasure the slightest resistance is a sin," on learning of his impending departure for the North remarked" that "Dr, Sun is an undesirable person politically, whose residence in Shanghai now would destroy its neutrality and endanger the peace of its surroundings. For

practically identical jeasons 'Little' Hsu was twice removed. It is now time to bar the door against Dr. Sun/'